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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IN OCTOBER - PROVISIONAL

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1. SUMMARY: JAPAN'S OVERALL BALANCE IN OCT REGISTERED LARGE
\$800 MIL DEFICIT ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL B/P STATISTICS.
THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO SIZABLE \$330 MIL NET OUTFLOW OF NON-
MONETARY SHORT-TERM FUNDS IN CONTRAST TO \$212 MIL NET INFLOW
IN SEPT. OCT DEFICIT OF BASIC BALANCE WAS \$154 MIL LARGER
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THAN IN SEPT DUE TO SMALLER TRADE SURPLUS AND LARGER NET OUT-

FLOW OF LONG-TERM CAPITAL. OFFICIAL SETTLEMENTS DEFICIT, HOWEVER, WAS SMALL \$110 MIL (AS COMPARED TO \$768 MIL DEFICIT IN PRIOR MONTH) AND INFLOW OF COMMERCIAL BANKS SHORT-TERM FUNDS OF \$690 MIL FINANCED MOST OF OVERALL DEFICIT. OCT DECLINE IN JAPAN'S OFFICIAL RESERVES WAS ONLY \$77 MIL AGAINST \$821 MIL DROP IN SEPT. THE YEN INCREASED SLIGHTLY AGAINST DOL AT TOKYO FOREX MARKET TOWARD END OF OCT. END SUMMARY.

2. LONG-TERM CAPITAL RECORDED LARGER NET OUTFLOW OF \$330 MIL IN OCT THAN \$261 MIL NET OUTFLOW IN SEPT. MOF OFFICIAL ATTRIBUTED THIS TO SHARPLY INCREASED OVERSEAS DIRECT INVESTMENT BY JAPANESE ENTERPRISES AND LENDING ABROAD BOTH BY GOVT AND PRIVATE SECTOR. MOF WITHHELD ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE MATTERS, SUCH AS TOTAL AMOUNT OF CAPITAL OUTFLOW OR WHO OR TO WHOM SUCH LOANS OR INVESTMENTS WERE MADE. INCLUDED MAY BE, HOWEVER, ONE DIRECT INVESTMENT BY MITSUI AND CO FOR CAPITAL INCREASE OF ITS U.S. SUBSIDIARY AND BE RELATED TO "OUT-OUT" BOND ISSUE OF \$50 MIL BY MITSUI IN THE U.S. BOND ISSUES ABROAD BY JAPANESE ENTERPRISES WERE SUBSTANTIALLY SMALLER IN OCT WITH TOTAL NET INFLOW OF ONLY \$68 MIL (INCLUDING \$50 MIL BY MITSUI) AS COMPARED TO \$104 MIL INFLOW REGISTERED IN SEPT. MOF OFFICIAL NOTED, HOWEVER, OCT DROP IN BOND ISSUES ABROAD IS CONSIDERED TEMPORARY AND PREDICTED RECOVERY TO MORE USUAL MONTHLY LEVEL FOR THE MONTHS AHEAD. FOREIGN BUYING AND SELLING OF OUTSTANDING JAPANESE SECURITIES BALANCED IN OCT AS COMPARED TO \$83 MIL NET OUTFLOW IN SEPT; NET SALES OF JAPANESE BONDS TOTALED \$20 MIL IN OCT AND OFFSET THE SAME AMOUNT OF NET INFLOW THROUGH FOREIGN PURCHASE OF JAPANESE STOCKS.

3. UNADJUSTED TRADE SURPLUS DECLINED BY \$62 MIL TO \$350 MIL IN OCT FROM SEPT LEVEL. ON OTHER HAND, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TRADE BALANCE MOVED BACK TO SURPLUS OF \$301 MIL IN OCT FROM \$30 MIL DEFICIT IN SEPT. EXPORTS (F.O.B., SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) INCREASED \$381 MIL IN OCT OVER SEPT (AS MUCH AS 8.8 PERCENT) AND IMPORTS (F.O.B., SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) ROSE BY \$50 MIL (1.1 PERCENT).

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4. IN OCT NET PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES AND TRANSFERS WERE \$490 MILN REMAINING AT THE USUAL MONTHLY LEVEL AS RESULT, BASIC BALANCE IN OCT RECORDED LARGE \$470 MIL DEFICIT AS COMPARED TO \$316 MIL DEFICIT IN SEPT. NON-MONETARY SHORT-TERM CAPITAL AND ERRORS AND OMISSIONS RECORDED SIZABLE NET OUTFLOW OF \$330 MIL IN CONTRAST TO NET INFLOW OF \$212 MIL IN SEPT. MOF ATTRIBUTED OCT LARGE NET PAYMENTS OF NON-MONETARY SHORT-TERM FUNDS MOSTLY TO UNWINDING OF PRE-

PAYMENTS MADE FOR SHIPS EXPORTED IN OCT. (NOTE: AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, SHIP EXPORTS INCREASED SHARPLY BY \$325 MIL, OR UP 88.8 PERCENT, IN OCT OVERSEPT LEVEL (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, ON CUSTOMS BASIS).

5. OCT DEFICIT IN OVERALL BALANCE OF \$800 MIL SECOND LARGEST DEFICIT IN 1975, WAS FINANCED IN PART BY INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL BANKS' SHORT-TERM NET LIABILITY POSITION OF \$690 MIL. AS RESULT, OFFICIAL SETTLEMENTS BALANCE RECORDED SMALL DEFICIT OF \$110 MIL. PUBLISHED OFFICIAL RESERVES DECREASED ONLY \$77 MIL FROM SEPT LEVEL TO \$13,192 MIL. GOL AND FOREGN EXCHANGE TOTALLED \$11,865 MIL, GOLD TRANCHE \$801 MIL, AND SDR'S \$526 MIL.

6. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY MOF DATA ON OCT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IN MIL DOLS (IMF BASIS, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED). RECEIPTS AS WELL AS INCREASE IN RECEIPTS OR DECREASE IN PAYMENTS ARE SHOWN AS PLUS; QUOTE MIN UNQUOTE INDICATES OPPOSITE.

	OCT 75	SEPT 75	
PROVISIONAL REVISED CHANGE			
(1) CURRENT BALANCE	MIN 140	MIN 55	MIN 85
TRADE BALANCE	350	412	MIN 62
EXPORTS	4,760	4,454	306
IMPORTS	MIN 4,510	MIN 4,042	MIN 368
SERVICES AND			
TRANSFERS	MIN 490	MIN 467	MIN 23
(2) LONG-TERM CAPITAL	MIN 330	MIN 261	MIN 69
(3) BASIC BALANCE	MIN 470	MIN 316	MIN 154
(4) NON-MONETARY SHORT-TERM CAPITAL AND			
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ERRORS AND OMISSIONS COMBINED MIN 330 212 MIN 542

(5) OVERALL BALANCE MIN 800 MIN 104 MIN 696

(6) COMMERCIAL BANKS SHORT-TERM NET POSITION 690 MIN 664 1,354

(7) OFFICIAL SETTLEMENTS BALANCE MIN 110 MIN 768 658

7. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TRADE DATA (IMF BASIS) AS FOLLOWS:

	OCT 75	SEPT 75	
PROVISIONAL REVISED CHANGE			
EXPORTS	4,707	4,326	381
IMPORTS	MIN 4,406	MIN 4,356	MIN 50

BALANCE 301 MIN 30 331

8. NOTE: RATES OF EXCHANGE USED BY MOF TO CONVERT TO
DOLBASIS WERE 302.42 YEN PER DOL FOR OCT 1975 AND 299.44
YEN PER DOL FOR SEPT 75.

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